

G-V-A-125

Henry Ridder Farm  
Redhouse  
Agriculture/Private

c.1870

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The gable-roofed house is a 2-story, 3 bay -by-1-bay brick structure with a 2-story frame aluminum-sided ell addition on the rear.

The brick portion of the house has a central entrance facade facing SE and rests on a stone foundation. The hand packed brick is laid in variable 5:1 to 8:1 common bond with original mortar containing small flecks of stone.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Henry Ridder Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mason School Rd., approx. 1 1/8 miles from its intersection with Rt. 50

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

4 VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ray H. Ridder

Telephone #: 334-3753

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Mason School Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 299

Folio #: 469

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE  
Maryland 21550**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Henry Ridder Farm is located NE of Redhouse on the West side of Mason School Road, approximately 1 1/8 miles from its intersection with Route 50. The house is a 2-story, 3 bay-by-1 bay brick structure with a 2-story frame aluminum side ell addition on the rear.

The brick portion of the house has a central entrance facade facing SE and rests on a stone foundation. The hand packed brick is laid in variable 5:1 to 8:1 common bond with original mortar containing small flecks of stone. The bricks measure on the average 7 1/2" X 4". The windows are 1/1 sash with molded pedimental arch window heads. There is a plain wooden cornice with partial cornice returns on the gable ends and a corrugated metal roof. There is 1 interior brick chimney at the SW gable end. The chimney at the NE gable end has been removed. There is a 1-story facade porch with a corrugated metal shed roof supported by round metal posts, and a poured concrete floor.

The 2-story ell addition rests on a concrete block foundation and has a corrugated metal gable roof.

There is a cellar entrance on the NW elev. of the ell and an entrance into the 1st story of the enclosed porch on the NE ell elev. On the SW ell elev. there is a projecting 2 story bay window. There is an exterior cinder block chimney at the NW gable end of the ell addition and an interior brick chimney on the SW side of the ell roof.

The interior of the brick portion of the house is a two room plan with a central staircase. The ceiling on the 1st floor is wormy chestnut, but is now covered. The windows have their original frames and sills.

The frame bank barn lies N of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c.1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry Ridder Farmhouse, built c. 1870, is significant because it is one of the few brick houses in Garrett County, a county with a natural abundance of lumber.

Henry Ridder was deeded this farmland in 1863. (interview with Ray Ridder). Sometime in the 1870's, Henry Ridder erected the house, using clay found on his property in a creek bed, west of the house (interviews with Mr & Mrs. Ray Ridder).

Henry Ridder is listed in the 1880 Maryland Directory as a farmer in the Oakland vicinity. He is also known for his role in the Civil War as a member of Lt. Jesse McNeill's Confederate Rangers, a band of southern sympathizers that lived in West Virginia and Maryland. McNeill's Rangers are most noted for two daring raids during the Civil War. At daybreak on May 6, 1864, 61 of McNeill's Rangers captured the B & O Railroad bridge at Bloomington, burned the railroad shops and destroyed the engines at the roundhouse in nearby Piedmont, WVA. On February 21, 1865, 37 of the Rangers entered the town of Cumberland disguised as Union soldiers and captured two of the Union's leading generals, Benjamin F. Kelly and George Crook (Schlosnagle, p. 241, and Weeks, p. 24.).

Based on oral family tradition, in one instance involving the Rangers, Henry Ridder stole away from his home at midnight to join McNeill's Rangers, leaving a hast note and taking the best horse (interview with Mrs. Ray Ridder).

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Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1978.

Weeks, Thekla Fundenberg, Oakland Centennial History 1849-1949, Oakland: SincellCONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Printing Co., 1949.**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

March 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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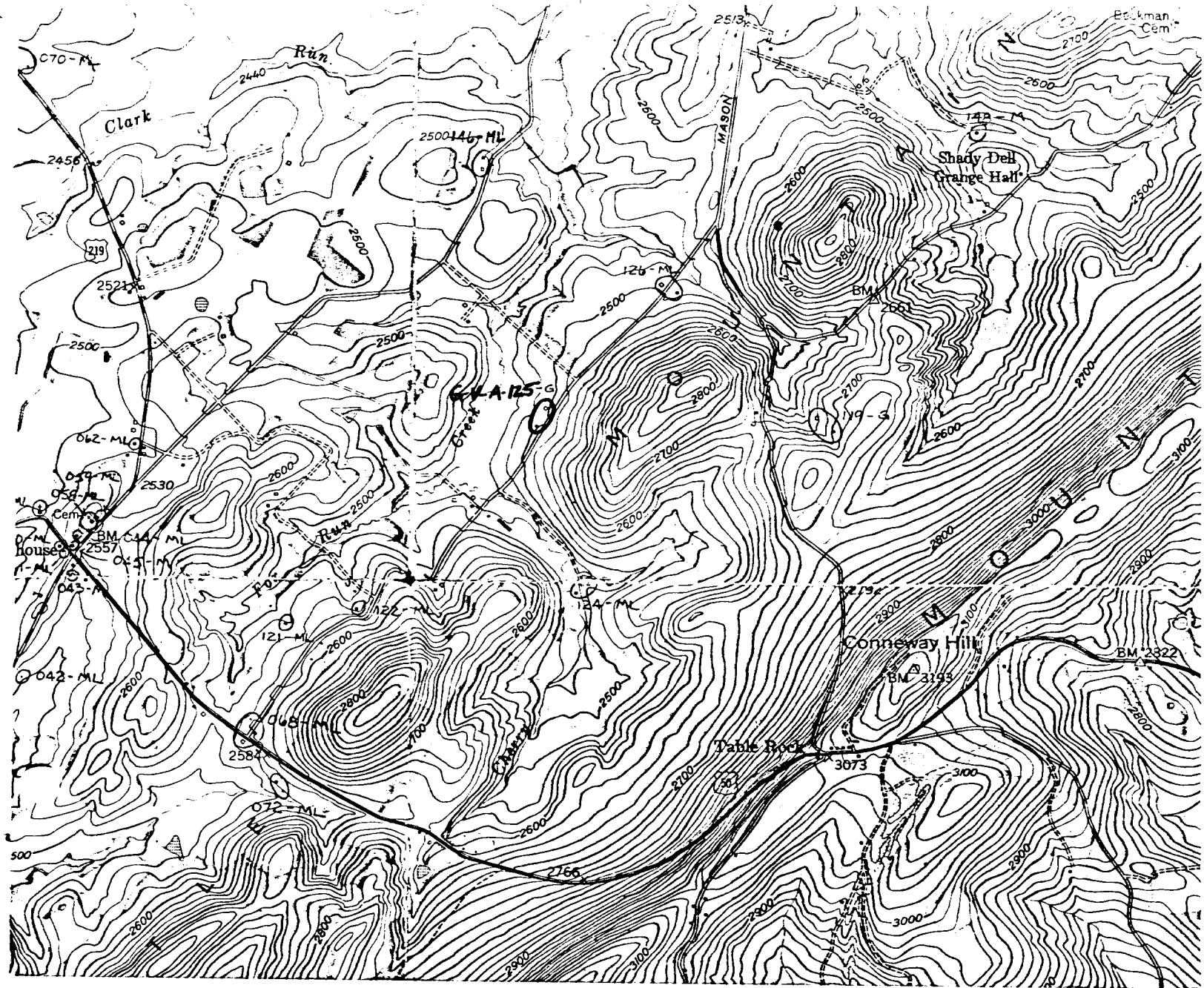


Table Rock, MD-WV  
 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 10/7/80

SW gable end





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Rear Wing NE elev.